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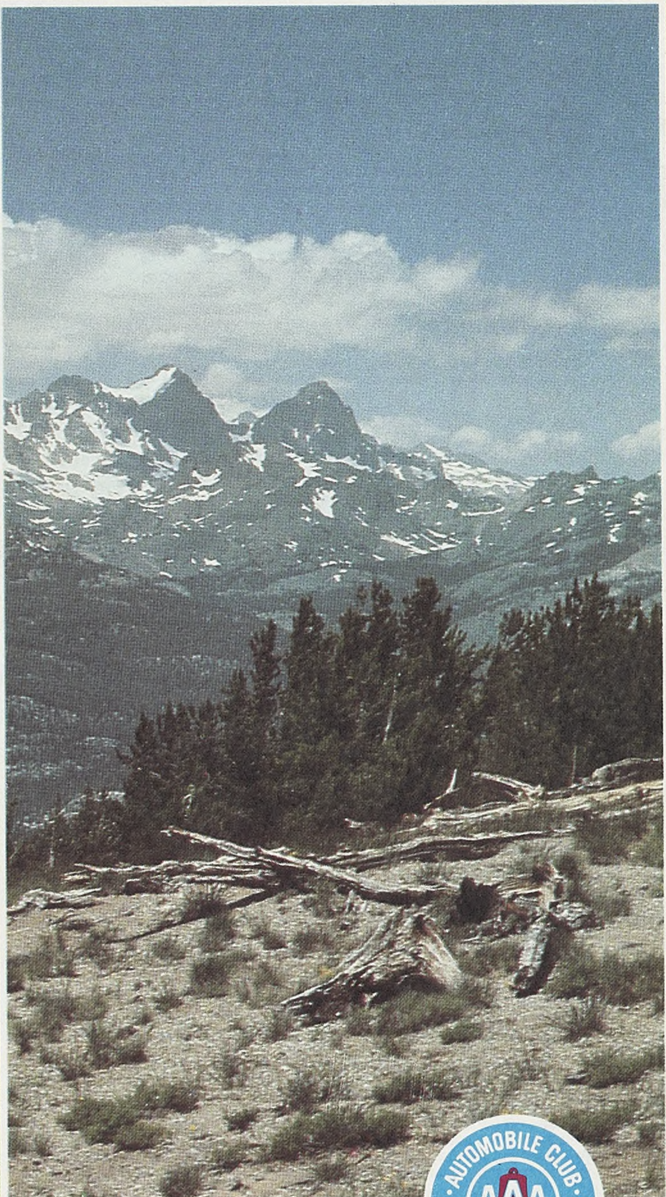

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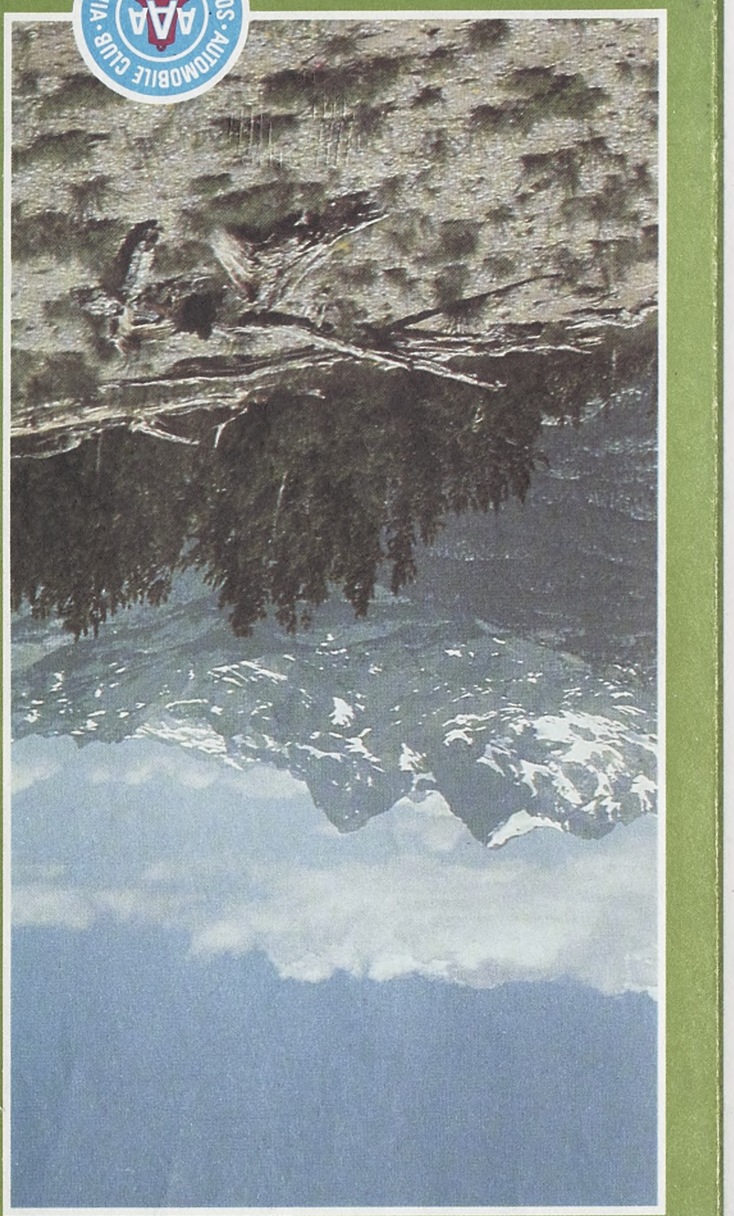

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Spring meadows caught between granite walls and barren escarpments . . . hundreds of lakes glittering in the sun of a wind-chilled afternoon . . . craggy cliffs rising above alpine forests whitened by winter snows . . . mountain retreats attracting thousands of fishermen, climbers, skiers and campers—all have made the Eastern Sierra a four-season retreat with a wealth of beauty.

The area's loveliness is equaled by its rich heritage. From the time of the Paiute Indians through the Gold Rush and up to the present-day struggle for water rights, the Eastern Sierra has had a diverse history. Countless signs of the past still survive. Museums house collections of Indian handiwork, pioneer artifacts and old photographs. A few traces of gold mining settlements still remain, most notably in Bodie. Much effort has been spent to preserve these pieces of history, insuring that an important part of the Eastern Sierra's culture lives on.

The area covered by this guide—extending from Lone Pine to Bridgeport—is divided into four geographical sections. Each section is accompanied by a detailed map, as well as corresponding information on camping, fishing and points of interest. Items described in the text are keyed to the map with coordinates and colored numbers.

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Campgrounds operated by public and private concerns are listed in the text, along with information about their locations, facilities, approximate seasons and fees. Privately operated campgrounds which are designated "AAA Approved" have been inspected by an AAA representative and meet minimum requirements for recommendation. Those preceded by the AAA symbol are Official Appointments and are authorized to display the AAA sign. Each campground is keyed to its map location by coordinates and a red number (e.g., **14**).

Fishing information was provided by the California Department of Fish and Game and includes listings of some of the largest lakes. The text includes the types of fish likely to be caught and mileages from the nearest trailheads or towns to the lakes. Each fishing spot is keyed to its map location with coordinates and a circled blue number (e.g., ③).

Points of Interest in this region include everything from ghost towns to geological features. Each item described in the text can be located on the map by using the accompanying coordinates and the circled red number (e.g., ⑫).

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Campgrounds

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1 **Aspen Grove** (D-3), el 7800, 5½ mi W of Lee Vining off SR 120. 50 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

2 **Big Bend** (D-2), el 7800. 6½ mi W of Lee Vining off SR 120 on Lee Vining Creek. 18 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

3 **Buckeye** (A-3), el 7000. 13 mi NW of Bridgeport off Twin Lakes Rd. 65 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru mid-Oct. $5.

4 **Buckeye Group Camp** (A-3), el 7000. 13 mi NW of Bridgeport off Twin Lakes Rd. 5 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru mid-Oct. $20.

5 **Ellery Lake** (D-2), el 9500. 10 mi W of Lee Vining on SR 120. 13 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. $3.

6 **Green Creek** (B-3), el 7500. 13 mi SW of Bridgeport on Green Lakes Rd. 11 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $4.

7 **Gull Lake** (F-2), el 7600. 1 mi SW of June Lake on SR 158. 11 tent spaces and 1 RV space. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $5.

8 **Honeymoon Flat** (A-3), el 7000. 8 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 47 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

9 **Junction** (D-2), el 9600. 10 mi SW of Lee Vining on SR 120. 10 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. Free.

10 **June Lake** (F-3), el 7600. ¼ mi N of June Lake on SR 158. 22 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $5.

11 **Lee Vining Creek** (D-3), el 8000. 4 mi W of Lee Vining on SR 120. 90 tent or RV spaces (24-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water. Open mid-May thru mid-Oct. No fee.

12 **Lower Twin Lake** (A-3), el 7000. 11 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 17 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

13 **Mill Creek** (C-3), el 8000. 10 mi NW of Lee Vining on Lundy Lake Rd. 50 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

14 **Oh! Ridge** (F-3), el 7600. 1½ mi NE of June Lake off SR 158. 148 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $5.

15 **Paha** (A-3), el 7000. 10 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 15 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

16 **Reversed Creek** (F-2), el 7600. 1 mi SW of June Lake off SR 158. 17 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $5.

17 **Saddlebag Lake** (D-2), el 10,000. 12 mi W of Lee Vining off SR 120. 22 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. $3.

18 **Sawmill** (A-3), el 7000. 11 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 8 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $4.

19 **Sawmill Walk-In Camp** (D-2), el 9800. 11½ mi W of Lee Vining off SR 120 on Saddlebag Lake Rd. 9 tent spaces. Pit toilets, stream water, tables. Open Jun thru Sep. No fee.

20 **Silver Lake** (F-2), el 7200. 4 mi W of June Lake on SR 158. 65 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $5.

21 **Tioga Lake** (D-2), el 9700. 11 mi SW of Lee Vining on SR 120. 13 tent spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. $4.

22 **Trumbull Lake** (C-3), el 9500. 20 mi SW of Bridgeport on Virginia Lakes Rd. 44 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Sep. $5.

23 **Tuolumne Meadows** (D-1), el 8600. 19½ mi W of Lee Vining on Tioga Pass Rd. 500 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru mid-Sep. $3.

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24 **Paradise Shores Trailer Park** (A-4), el 6500. 2½ mi N of Bridgeport on SR 182. 46 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, showers. Open Apr thru Oct. $7.50. Mailing address: PO Box 602, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7735.

25 **Pine Cliff Resort** (F-2), el 7600. 2½ mi N of SR 158 at June Lake. 50 tent and 130 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, stoves, showers, laundry, disposal station. Open all year. $11. Mailing address: PO Box 38, June Lake 93529. (619) 648-7558.

26 **Willow Springs Trailer Park** (B-4), el 6700. 5 mi S of Bridgeport on US 395. 20 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, showers, laundry. Open May thru Oct. $8. Mailing address: Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7725.

Other

27 **Dock and Al's Robinson Creek Resort** (A-3), el 7000. 7 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 17 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, stoves, showers, laundry, disposal station. Open May thru Oct. $6.50-$8.50. Mailing address: PO Box 266, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7051.

28 **Falling Rock Marina and R.V. Park** (A-4), el 6470. 2 mi NE of Bridgeport on SR 182. 42 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, stoves, showers, laundry. Open Apr thru Nov. $6-$8. Mailing address: PO Box 338, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7001.

29 **Golden Pine Trailer and Camper Park** (F-2), el 7600. ¼ mi SW of June Lake on SR 158. 21 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, showers. Open all year. $8.50-$11.50. Mailing address: PO Box 253, June Lake 93529. (619) 648-7743.

30 **Grant Lake Marina** (F-2), el 7200. 9 mi NW of June Lake on SR 158. 70 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, showers, disposal station. Open May thru Oct. $5. Mailing address: Rt 3, Box 19, June Lake 93529. No phone.

31 **Lakeview Trailer Court** (D-3), el 6781. In Lee Vining on US 395. 10 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open Apr thru Oct. $8. Mailing address: PO Box 345, Lee Vining 93541. (619) 647-6543.

32 **Lundy Lake Resort** (C-3), el 7700. 12 mi NW of Lee Vining on Lundy Lake Rd. 8 RV spaces and 26 tent spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open May thru Oct. $6.50. Mailing address: PO Box 265, Lee Vining 93541. No phone.

33 **Mono Village** (A-2), el 7096. 14 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 400 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, showers. Open May thru Oct. $6-$11. Mailing address: PO Box 455, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7071.

34 **Mono Vista Trailer Lodge** (D-3), el 6781. In Lee Vining on US 395. 26 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, electrical hookups, showers, laundry, disposal station. Open Apr thru Oct. $8. Mailing address: PO Box 178, Lee Vining 93541. (619) 647-6401.

35 **Sierra Trails Trailer Park** (A-4), el 6467. In Bridgeport on Kingsley St. 10 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open Apr thru Oct. $7. Mailing address: PO Box 364, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7793.

36 **Silver Lake Trailer Park** (F-2), el 7200. 6 mi W of June Lake on SR 158. 75 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, showers, laundry. Open May thru Oct. $8. Mailing address: Rt 3, Box 17, June Lake 93529. (619) 648-7355.

37 **Twin Lakes Resort** (A-3), el 7500. 13 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. 16 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, showers, laundry, disposal station. Open Apr to Oct 15. $8. Mailing address: PO Box 248, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7751.

Fishing

① * **Agnew Lake** (F-2), el 8700. 37 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 4 mi.

② * **Alger Lake** (F-2), el 10,880. 45 acres. Goldens. 5 mi.

③ * **Barney Lake** (A-2), el 8300. 14 acres. Brooks. 2½ mi.

④ * **Bergona Lake** (B-2), el 10,400. 4 acres. Brooks, goldens. 4 mi.

⑤ * **Blue Lake** (C-3), el 9450. 2 acres. Brooks. 2 mi.

⑥ **Bridgeport Lake** (A-4), el 6455. 3000 acres. Browns, rainbows. Swimming, waterskiing. By car, 2 mi N of Bridgeport on SR 182.

⑦ * **Crystal Lake** (C-3), el 9740. 4 acres. Brooks. 3½ mi.

⑧ * **East Lake** (B-2), el 9464. 78 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 3½ mi.

⑨ **Ellery Lake** (D-2), el 9489. 50 acres. Brooks, browns, cutthroats, rainbows. By car, 6 mi W of Lee Vining on SR 120.

⑩ * **Gem Lake** (F-2), el 9030. 246 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 3 mi.

⑪ * **Gilman Lake** (C-2), el 9500. 16 acres. Rainbows. 4½ mi.

⑫ **Grant Lake** (F-3), el 7135. 1095 acres. Browns, rainbows. By car, 5 mi S of Lee Vining on SR 158.

⑬ * **Green Lake** (B-2), el 9000. 54 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 2¼ mi.

⑭ **Gull Lake** (F-2), el 7598. 65 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 1 mi SW of June Lake on SR 158.

⑮ **June Lake** (F-2), el 7616. 320 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. Swimming. By car, 2 mi SW of US 395 on SR 158.

⑯ **Lower Twin Lake** (B-3), el 7081. 276 acres. Brooks, browns, kokanee, rainbows. By car, 10 mi SW of Bridgeport.

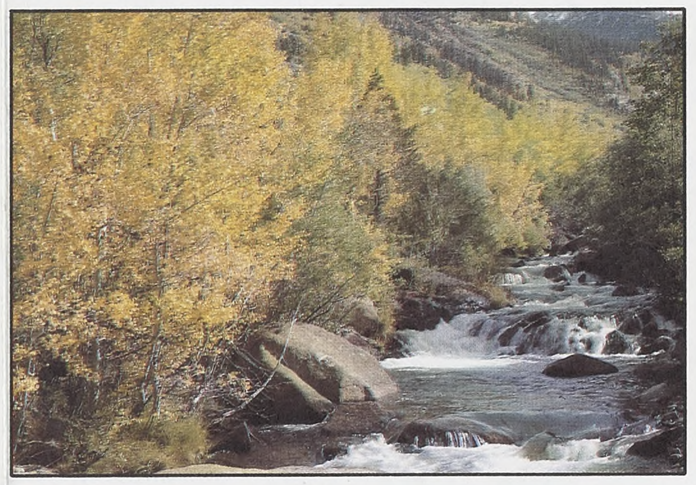
⑰ **Lundy Lake** (C-3), el 7750. 100 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 4½ mi W of Mono City off US 395.

⑱ * **Oneida Lake** (D-3), el 9656. 29 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 3 mi.

* **Wilderness permits required.**

SCENES FROM THE EASTERN SIERRA

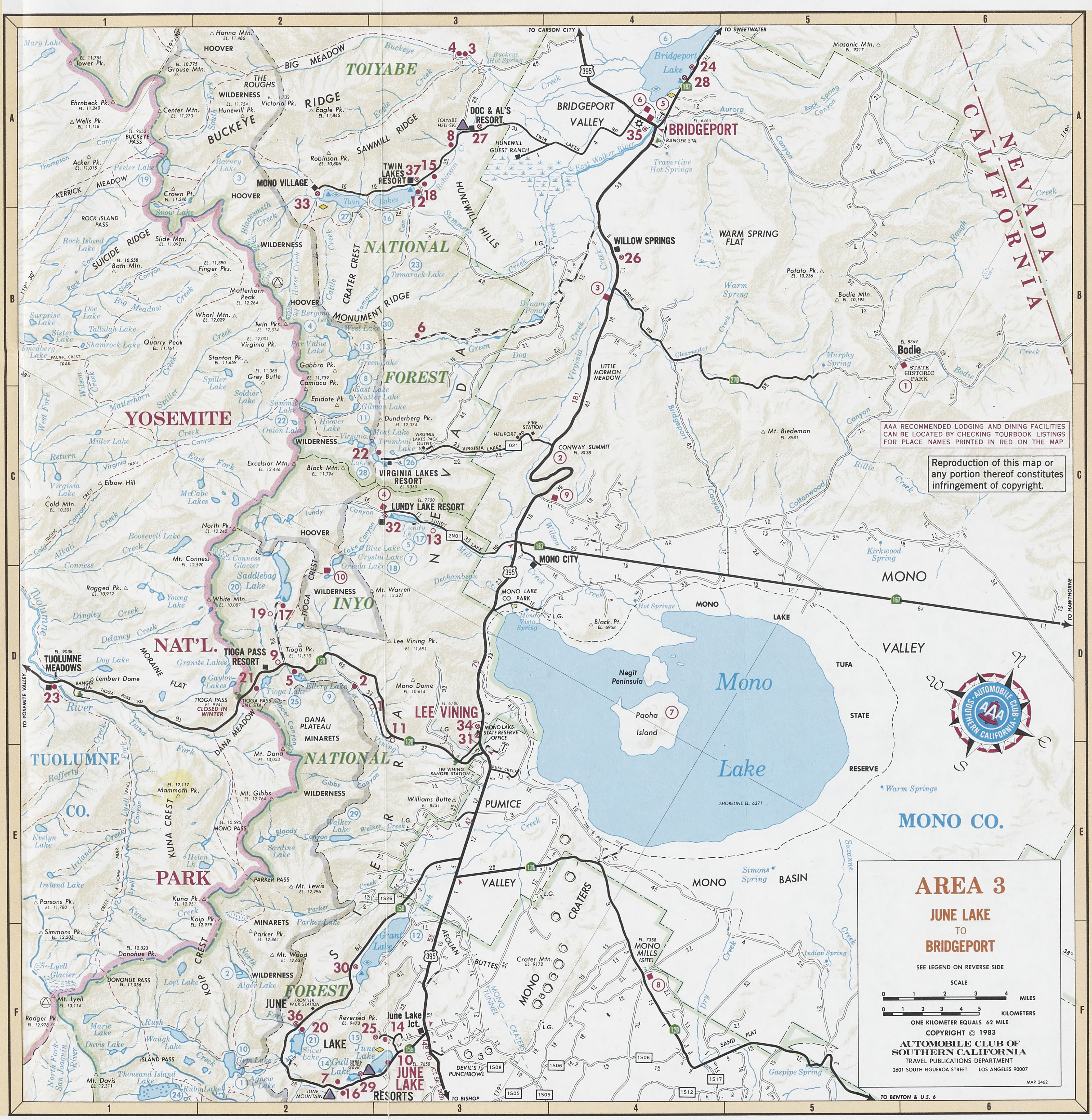
KEARSARGE LAKES await hikers who make the strenuous, seven-mile climb over the Kearsarge Pass from Onion Valley. The lakes lie just west of the Sierra Nevada crest. From here, many backpackers continue on to the John Muir Trail. Before setting out from Onion Valley, all hikers must obtain a wilderness permit from the Forest Service ranger station in Lone Pine.



BISHOP CREEK, west of Bishop, drains two large lakes and numerous smaller ones. Regular trout plants make this creek a popular fishing area from late April through October. Several campgrounds are located along the stream. A network of trails leads from the lakes into the spectacularly scenic backcountry of the John Muir Wilderness.

DEVILS POSTPILE was formed by a basaltic lava flow that spilled from Mammoth Pass down the canyon of the San Joaquin River. Later a glacier scoured the valley, exposing the sheer wall of symmetrical columns. It is a short, easy hike to the formation; from there the trail continues two miles to Rainbow Falls. Devils Postpile National Monument also offers camping, fishing and naturalist programs in summer.

BODIE, founded in 1859, was a boisterous mining town for several decades. As the veins of ore were exhausted, the population dwindled; the town's demise was hastened by two major fires. Some of the deserted structures survived, however, and have been preserved as a state historic park. A self-guided walking tour is outlined in the park brochure, available at the ranger's residence on Green Street.



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Fishing (Continued)

⑲ * **Peeler Lake** (A-1), el 9440. 60 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 8 mi.

⑳ **Saddlebag Lake** (D-2), el 10,087. 339 acres. Brooks, cutthroats, rainbows. By car, 10 mi W of Lee Vining off SR 120.

㉑ **Silver Lake** (F-2), el 7212. 110 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 4 mi W of June Lake on SR 158.

㉒ * **Summit Lake** (C-2), el 10,240. 47 acres. Brooks. 5½ mi.

㉓ * **Tamarack Lake** (B-3), el 9700. 18 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. 2½ mi.

㉔ * **Thousand Island Lake** (F-1), el 9850. 320 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 7 mi.

㉕ **Tioga Lake** (D-2), el 9651. 73 acres. Brooks, rainbows. By car, 8½ mi W of Lee Vining on SR 120.

㉖ **Trumbull Lake** (C-3), el 9200. 12 acres. Brooks, rainbows. By car, 7 mi W of Conway Summit off US 395.

㉗ **Upper Twin Lake** (B-2), el 7092. 265 acres. Brooks, browns, kokanee, rainbows. Swimming, waterskiing. By car, 12 mi SW of Bridgeport.

㉘ **Virginia Lakes** (C-2), el 9450 to 9770. 2 lakes; 10 and 27 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 7 mi W of Conway Summit off US 395.

㉙ * **Walker Lake** (E-2), el 7926. 76 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 2½ mi.

㉚ * **West Lake** (B-3), el 9850. 42 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 3½ mi.

* **Wilderness permits required.**

Points of Interest

① **Bodie State Historic Park** (B-6) gives a glimpse into the past of one of California's most lawless gold mining towns. Bodie was founded in 1859 when gold was unearthed in nearby hills. Its population grew to 10,000 by 1879, and with it grew a deserved reputation for killings, robberies, gambling and stage holdups. Almost $100 million in ore was extracted from the hills, but the town quickly became a ghost when the supply ran thin. Only five percent of the original buildings are still standing, maintained in an unrestored state. The 13-mile-long road leading to the park is snow-covered and impassable during much of the winter.

② **Conway Summit** (C-4), elevation 8138 feet, is the highest point on US 395 between Southern California and Canada.

③ **Dog Town** (B-4) was the site of the Eastern Sierra's first major gold rush. The small settlement sprang up in 1857, and a few ruins are still scattered along Dog Creek.

④ **Lundy** (C-3) was a wild and rugged mining camp founded in 1879. The Lundy Mine produced about $3 million in gold, but fires and avalanches drove the town to oblivion.

⑤ **Mono County Courthouse** (A-4) was built in 1880, making it California's second oldest. The dignified structure was erected shortly after the county seat was moved from Aurora to Bridgeport—the old seat was found to actually lie in Nevada. The courthouse is open to the public during normal business hours.

⑥ **Mono County Museum** (A-4), occupying an old schoolhouse built in 1880, contains photos, documents and other memorabilia tracing the county's heritage. The schoolhouse was used until 1964, when the building was saved from destruction and converted into a museum. Open Memorial Day thru September.

⑦ **Mono Lake** (D-4) was formed more than 20,000 years ago when Sierra glaciers scooped out the Mono Basin. Extraction of valley water has drastically lowered the lake's level, and mineral content of the water is now so high that only small brine shrimp and the pupae of the ephydra fly find it habitable. As the water level has dropped, it has exposed the eerie tufa towers, formations of calcium carbonate. There is only one island in the lake now—Paoha—which contains hot and cold springs and a herd of domesticated goats left by early dwellers. Negit Island is now connected to the shore by a land bridge. The Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve Office (D-3), located on US 395 in Lee Vining, offers information, publications and exhibits about the lake's geology and wildlife. Guided 1½ hour walking tours of the lake are offered at 11 and 2 weekends May through September and at 11 weekends the rest of the year.

⑧ **Mono Mills** (F-4) were an important source of lumber to the Bodie settlement from 1878 through 1917. Wagons were first used to haul the wood, but the Bodie and Benton Railroad was built in 1880 to speed the shuttle of the important cargo.

⑨ **Monoville** (C-4) was the first major Eastern Sierra settlement south of Lake Tahoe. The population swelled to 700 when those deserting Dog Town came to settle here in 1859. The town flourished briefly as a gold mining center.

⑩ * **Oneida Lake** (D-2) was one of the Sierra's countless gold mining camps, founded in 1859. A two-hour hike is required to reach the site.

* **Wilderness permits required.**

Packers

Frontier Pack Station (F-2), 4 mi W of June Lake at Silver Lake on SR 158. Mailing address: PO Box 18, Star Rt 33, June Lake 93529. (619) 648-7701. Destination: Minarets Wilderness.

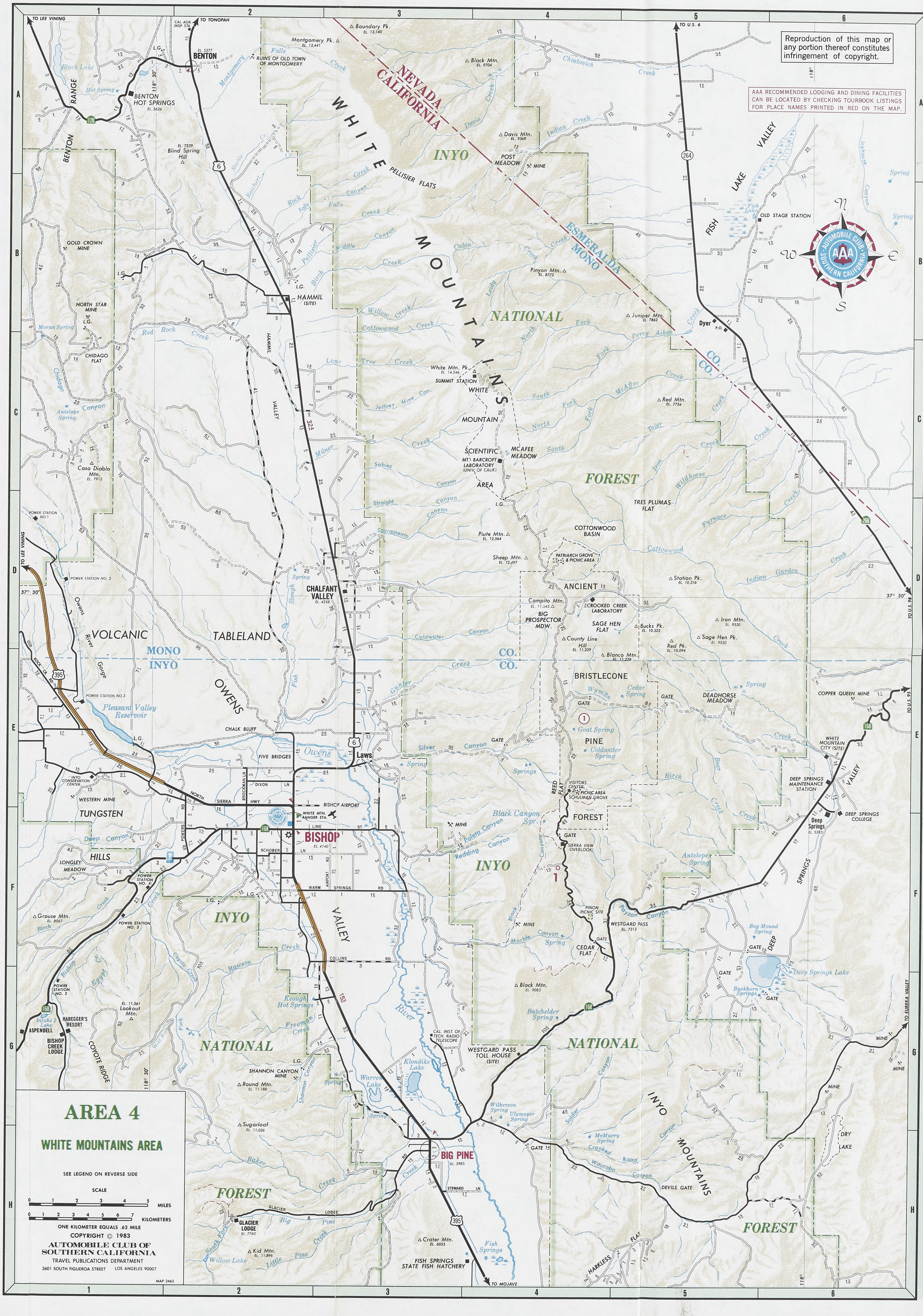
Virginia Lakes Pack Outfit (C-3), 19 mi SW of Bridgeport on Virginia Lakes Rd. Mailing address: Star Rt 1070AA, Bridgeport 93517 (summer). P.O. Box 50081AA Reno NV 89513. (702) 883-6539 (off-season). Destinations: Yosemite National Park.

Winter Sports

June Mountain (F-2), at June Lake on SR 158. Mailing address: PO Box 5, June Lake 93529. (619) 648-7733. Facilities: Rentals (alpine skis, boots, poles); GLM ski school; snowmaking system; restaurant; cafeteria; snack bars; day lodge; warming hut. Open daily mid-Nov to mid-Apr. Lifts: 4 double chairs, 1 T-bar. Runs: 30% novice, 45% intermediate, 25% advanced. Longest run 2½ miles; vertical drop 2561 feet. Daily ticket $20 for all lifts; season pass $500.

Sierra Guide Service-Helicopter Skiing (F-2), at June Lake on SR 158. Mailing address: PO Box 697, Bridgeport 93517. (619) 932-7778. Open daily Dec to May. One-day standby package includes 13,000 vertical feet of skiing, guide and lunch. Three-day package includes 40,000 vertical feet of skiing, guide, meals and overnight accommodations; $195-$795.

Toiyabe Heli-Ski (A-3), 7 mi SW of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Rd. Mailing address: PO Box 600, Mammoth Lakes 93547. (619) 934-8323. Facilities: Restaurant; day lodge. Open daily mid-Nov to mid-Apr. One-day package includes 1200 vertical feet of skiing $200.



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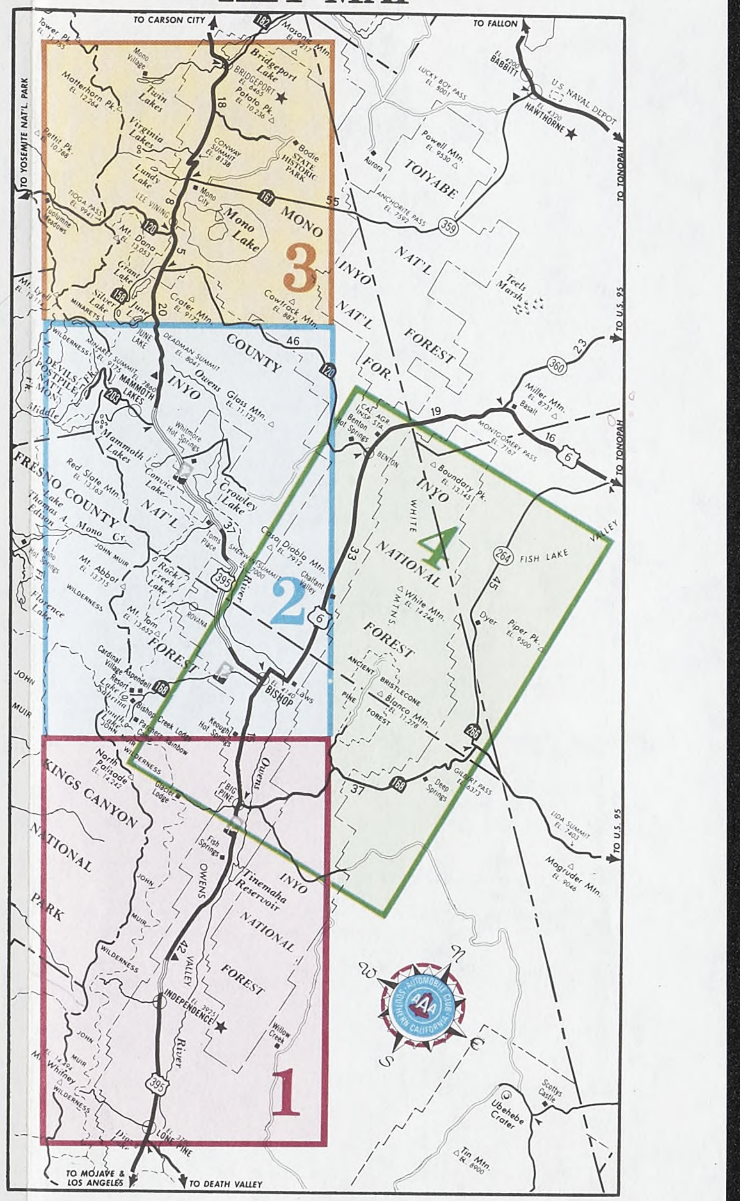

NOTE: Wilderness permits are required for all trailhead entry points for day use as well as overnight camping in the Eastern Sierra. The permit is free and also authorizes campfires. Permits may be obtained by mail or in person from the forest headquarters office or the ranger station closest to your wilderness point of entry.

WHITE MOUNTAINS

Campgrounds

PUBLIC

1 **Grandview** (F-4), el 8000. 5 mi N of SR 168. 2 mi S of Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. 26 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, tables, stoves, no water. Open Jun thru Sep. No fee.

Points of Interest

① **Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest** (E-4) is the home of the world's oldest living trees—the Great Basin bristlecone pines. Bristlecones can be found as far east as Colorado, but the oldest trees, some more than 4000 years old, cling to the rocky slopes of California's White Mountains. The 28,000-acre Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest was established in 1958 to preserve the groves for future enjoyment and study.

The bristlecone pines are neither tall nor particularly beautiful. They are squat, usually less than 25 feet tall, and their gnarled and twisted branches speak of hundreds of years of exposure to the elements. However, young bristlecones are slim and symmetrical. Only after centuries of carving by wind, rain, fire and ice do they begin to take on the look of "living driftwood." Many bristlecones appear to be dead; often only about 10 percent of the tree is actually alive and reproducing. The tree's growth is agonizingly slow, sometimes less than an inch in diameter per century. Very little nourishment can be gleaned from the heavily alkaline limestone soil, and precipitation in the White Mountains usually doesn't exceed 10 inches per year. But proof of the bristlecone's tenacity is the fact that even the oldest trees still produce fertile seeds. The tree's name is derived from the appearance of its cones—short, curved needles protrude from each of the scales on the three-inch cones, giving them a bristly look.

Visitor activity centers around the Schulman Grove, named for Dr. Edmund Schulman, the first scientist to determine the extraordinary age of the trees. There is a Visitor Center open from mid-June to mid-September and it is from here that trails lead visitors through the grove. A steep one-mile trek leads to Pine Alpha, the first tree with a solid center discovered to be over 4000 years old. The Methuselah Walk, a four-mile loop, takes the hiker past the grove containing the world's oldest trees. Farther north is the Patriarch Grove, where the largest and most contorted bristlecones are located. The terrain is even more rugged and barren than at the Schulman Grove. A short footpath leads to the Patriarch, the world's largest bristlecone pine. Both Schulman and Patriarch Groves have restrooms and picnic tables.

The forest is open from June through October, but the best weather usually occurs in July and August. Wildflowers bloom here in summer and splash color on the stark hillsides. Facilities within the area are limited; visitors should come with food and water; automobile gasoline tanks should be filled before setting out. The groves are reached via SR 168, which heads northeast from US 395 at Big Pine. White Mountain Road, a paved access road, leads north as far as the Schulman Grove. Just south of the forest boundary, Sierra Viewpoint provides a spectacular view of the Owens Valley and the Sierra's east face. The road is dirt between Schulman and Patriarch Groves but is usually passable to passenger cars. Most other roads in the forest are suitable only for four-wheel-drive vehicles.

For campgrounds and points of interest in the Bishop area see Area 2, "Bishop to Mammoth Lakes."

Ancient Bristlecone Pines

LONE PINE TO BIG PINE

Campgrounds

PUBLIC

1 **Baker Creek** (B-5), el 4100. 1 mi W of Big Pine on Poplar St. 25 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $3.

2 **Big Pine Creek** (A-4), el 7700. 10 mi W of Big Pine on Glacier Lodge Rd. 12 tent and 24 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $5.

3 **Big Pine Triangle** (A-5), el 4000. ½ mi E of Big Pine at junction of US 395 and SR 168. 30 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open mid-Apr thru Nov. $3.

4 **Diaz Lake** (H-4), el 3700. 3 mi S of Lone Pine off US 395. 200 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $4.

5 **Goodale Creek** (C-4), el 4100. 14 mi NW of Independence off US 395. 62 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Sep. No fee.

6 **Gray's Meadow** (E-3), el 6000. 5 mi W of Independence on Onion Valley Rd. 52 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Oct. $4.

7 **Independence Creek** (E-4), el 3900. ½ mi W of Independence on Onion Valley Rd. 25 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water. Open all year. $3.

8 **Lone Pine** (G-3), el 6500. 7 mi W of Lone Pine off Whitney Portal Rd. 38 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Vault toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $4.

9 **Oak Creek** (E-4), el 5000. 5½ mi W of Independence. 19 tent and 5 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $4.

10 **Onion Valley** (E-3), el 9200. 14 mi W of Independence on Onion Valley Rd. 29 tent spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $3.

11 **Portagee Joe** (H-4), el 3750. ¾ mi SW of Lone Pine on Tuttle Creek Rd. 15 tent or RV spaces (30-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $4.

12 **Sage Flat** (B-4), el 7400. 8 mi SW of Big Pine on Glacier Lodge Rd. 32 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Nov. No fee.

13 **Symmes Creek** (F-3), el 5185. 6 mi SW of Independence off Onion Valley Rd. 55 tent or RV spaces (30-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

14 **Taboose** (C-5), el 4000. 12½ mi S of Big Pine off US 395. 45 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $3.

15 **Tinemaha** (C-5), el 4000. 7 mi S of Big Pine, 2½ mi W of US 395. 45 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, well water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $3.

16 **Tuttle Creek** (H-3), el 5120. 6 mi SW of Lone Pine off Horseshoe Meadows Rd. 85 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

17 **Whitney Portal** (G-2), el 8000. 13 mi W of Lone Pine on Whitney Portal Rd. 44 tent or RV spaces (16-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

18 **Whitney Portal Group Camp** (G-2), el 8100. 13 mi W of Lone Pine on Whitney Portal Rd. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $10.

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Other

19 **Big Pine Trailer Park** (B-4), el 7000. 8 mi W of Big Pine off Glacier Lodge Rd at 1 Hinds Rd. 35 tent or RV spaces. Flush and pit toilets, piped water, some full hookups, showers, pool, disposal station. Open Apr thru Nov. $5-$8. Mailing address: PO Box 236, Big Pine 93513. (619) 938-2256.

20 **Foothill Mobile Home Park** (H-4), el 3700. 4 mi S of Lone Pine on US 395. 12 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open all year. $6-$8. Mailing address: PO Box 762, Lone Pine 93545. (619) 876-4120.

21 **Fort Independence Campground** (E-4), el 3900. 2½ mi N of Independence on US 395. 51 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, showers, disposal station. Open all year. $7. Mailing address: PO Box 67, Independence 93526. (619) 878-2126.

22 **Glacier Lodge Campground** (A-4), el 7760. 10 mi W of Big Pine on Glacier Lodge Rd. 70 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, showers, disposal station. Open Apr thru Oct. $4-$10. Mailing address: PO Box 327, Big Pine 93513. (619) 872-9271.

Fishing

① * **Big Pine Lakes** (A-4), el 9975 to 11,150. 7 lakes; 4 to 28 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. 3-5 mi.

② * **Black Lake** (A-4), el 10,690. 9 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. 3½ mi.

③ * **Chocolate Lakes** (A-3), el 11,050 to 11,150. 3 lakes; 1 to 8 acres. Brooks. 3 mi.

④ * **Cottonwood Lakes** (H-2), el 11,000. 13 lakes; 5 to 30 acres. Goldens. Lakes #1 thru #4 closed to fishing; others open Jul 1-Oct 31; 5-trout limit; fly fishing only. 10½ mi.

⑤ **Diaz Lake** (H-4), el 3700. 86.8 acres. Bass, bluegill, browns, catfish, rainbows. Swimming, water skiing. By car; 3 mi S of Lone Pine on US 395.

⑥ * **Golden Trout Lakes** (E-2), el 11,150 to 12,000. 4 lakes; 1½ to 10 acres. Brooks, goldens. 3 mi.

⑦ * **Heart, Flower and Gilbert Lakes** (E-2), el 10,850. 3 lakes; 4 to 6 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 2½ mi.

⑧ * **Hidden Lake** (A-4), el 10,700. 10 acres. Goldens. 5 mi.

⑨ * **Kearsarge Lakes** (E-2), el 10,000. 3 lakes; 3 to 6 acres. Rainbows. 6 mi.

⑩ * **Lone Pine Lake** (G-2), el 9925. 4 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 2½ mi.

⑪ * **Long Lake** (A-3), el 10,751. 29 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. 2½ mi.

⑫ * **Ruwau Lake** (A-3), el 10,950. 22 acres. Rainbows. 3 mi.

⑬ * **Sam Mack Lake** (A-3), el 12,000. 9 acres. Brooks. 7 mi.

⑭ * **Treasure Lakes** (A-3), el 10,650 to 11,586. 9 lakes; ½ to 12 acres. Goldens. 3 mi.

⑮ * **Wallace Lake** (G-2), el 11,450. 40 acres. Goldens. 23 mi.

⑯ * **Willow Lake** (A-3), el 9600. 2 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 3 mi.

***Wilderness permits required.**

Points of Interest

① **Alabama Hills** (H-4), an expanse of rocks sculpted into unusual shapes by the elements, were formed over 160 million years ago. The colorfully rugged terrain makes it a popular setting for western movies. To explore this area, follow the signs for Alabama Hills Scenic Route and Movie Road.

② **Black Rock State Fish Hatchery** (D-5) raises trout for planting in California lakes. More than 550,000 catchable-size fish and about 100,000 subcatchables are nurtured here annually. Operations are open to the public daily from 8 to 4.

③ **Camp Independence** (E-4) was established in 1862 to protect Owens Valley settlers from Indian attacks. About 200 soldiers arrived at the Oak Creek site on the 4th of July, naming their camp in honor of the day. The post was abandoned in 1877.

④ **Commander's House** (E-4) was the lavish residence of the commanding officer of Camp Independence. It was constructed in 1872 to replace earthquake-damaged adobe buildings. The stately wood-frame structure was moved to its present location in 1883 after the camp's demise. Open Sunday 1 to 4:45 March through October.

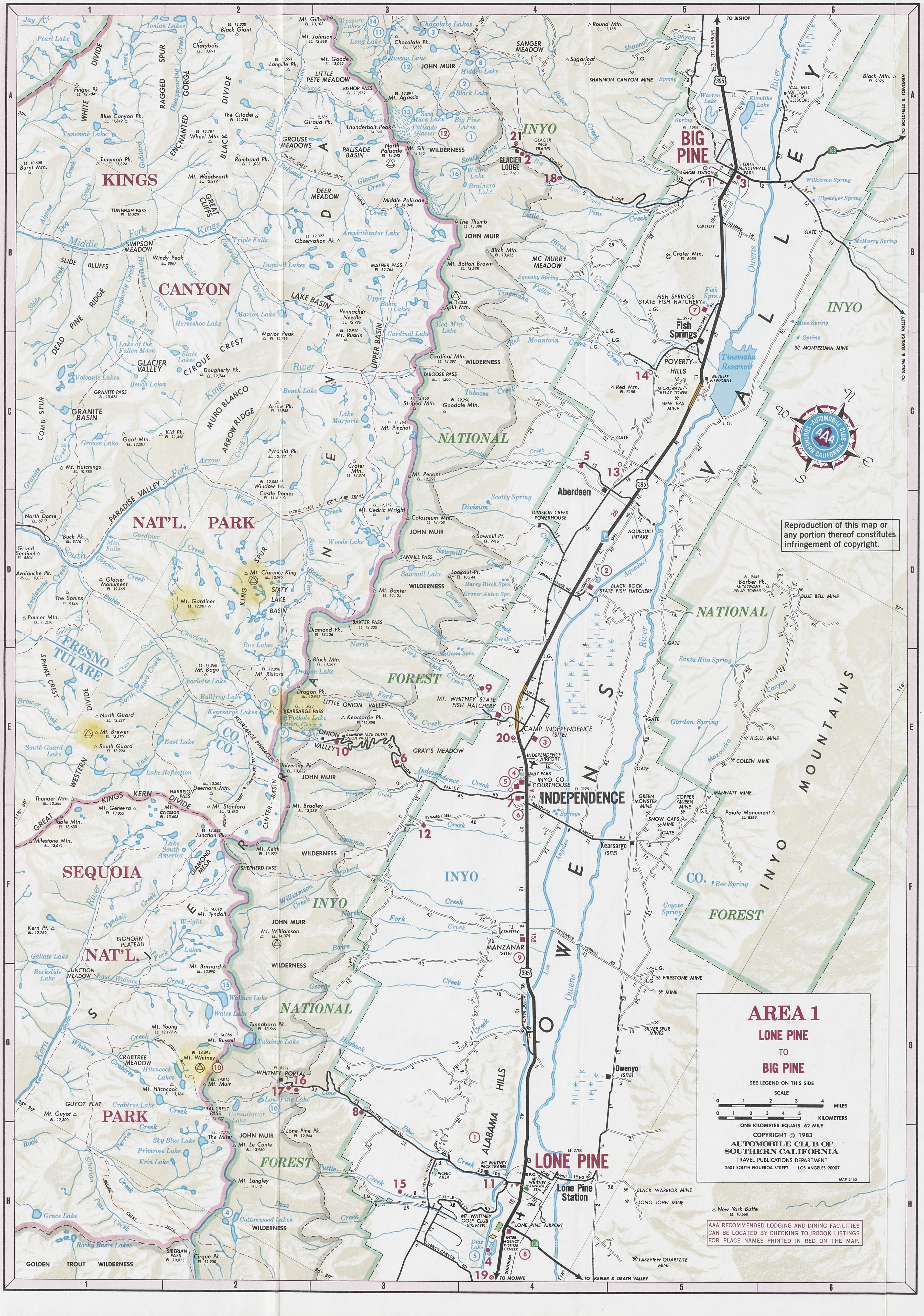
⑤ **Eastern California Museum** (E-4), on Grant Street in Independence, houses displays, photos, Indian handiwork, minerals, old mining equipment and even grave markers of early residents. The museum is open 10 to 4 Monday through Saturday and 12 to 5 Sunday in summer; closed Wednesday and Thursday in winter. Admission is free, though donations are welcome.

⑥ **Edwards House** (F-4), built in 1865, is the oldest house in Inyo County. It now contains a weaving studio open 9 to noon Friday through Monday year-round. The studio is also open from 1 to 6 October 1 to May 31.

⑦ **Fish Springs State Fish Hatchery** (B-5) raises more than 1½ million catchable-size trout each year. The elongated holding tanks can be viewed from 8 to 4 daily.

⑧ **Interagency Visitor Center** (H-4) was opened in 1977 as a cooperative venture of many agencies and institutions, ranging from the U.S. Forest Service to the University of California. It offers publications, exhibits, and recreation and travel information about the eastern California region extending from Death Valley to Topaz Lake. The center is open 9 to 5 daily June through August and 9 to 5 Thursday through Monday rest of year. (619) 876-4252.

⑨ **Manzanar** (F-4), site of the first World War II Japanese relocation camp, housed more than 10,000 Japanese-Americans from 1942 to 1944. The desolate grounds were once barbed-wire enclosed and filled with rows of wood-frame bungalows. Only a pair of deserted guard shacks and a few concrete foundations are still intact.



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Points of Interest (Continued)

⑩ * **Mount Whitney** (G-2), its craggy pinnacles towering over Lone Pine to the east, is the highest mountain in the contiguous United States. Hikers can make the 10½-mile trek to the 14,494-foot summit along a gradually sloped trail beginning at Whitney Portal. Reservations for summer hikes should be made by writing the Mount Whitney Ranger Station, PO Box 8, Lone Pine 93545.

⑪ **Mount Whitney State Fish Hatchery** (E-4) produces some 25 million trout eggs each year and raises about 4 million fingerlings for planting in lakes and streams. Visitors can observe the operations from 8 to 4 daily.

⑫ * **Palisade Glacier** (A-3) is one of the southernmost glaciers in the nation. The white mass can be seen from late spring through fall by peering to the west from Big Pine. A rugged five-hour hike is the only way to reach the glacier's base.

*** Wilderness permits required.**

Packers

Glacier Pack Trains (A-4), 9 mi W of Big Pine on Glacier Lodge Rd. Mailing address: PO Box 321, Big Pine 93513, (619) 938-2648. Destinations: Big Pine Lakes and Kings Canyon National Park.

Mt. Whitney Pack Trains (H-4), in Lone Pine on Whitney Portal Rd. Mailing address: PO Box 1514, Bishop 93514, (619) 935-4493 (summer). (619) 872-8331 (off-season). Destinations: Golden Trout Wilderness and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Rainbow Pack Outfit, Onion Valley (E-3), 14 mi W of Independence on Onion Valley Rd. Mailing address: Rt 1, Box 26, Bishop 93514; (619) 873-4485 (summer). 719 Springfield Av, Ventura 93003; (805) 647-5351 (off-season). Destinations: Sawmill, Kearsarge and Shepherd Passes and Kings Canyon National Park.

BISHOP TO MAMMOTH LAKES

Campgrounds

PUBLIC

1 **Agnew Meadows** (A-2), el 8400. 9½ mi NW of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 32 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jul thru Oct. $4.

2 **Agnew Meadows Group Camp** (A-2), el 8400. 9½ mi NW of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 5 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables. Open Jul thru Sep. $10-$30.

3 **Aspen Group Camp** (D-4), el 8100. 3 mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $25.

4 **Aspen Meadow** (H-3), el 8500. 17 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 5 tent spaces. Vault toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

5 **Benton Crossing** (C-4), el 6200. 14 mi SE of Mammoth Lakes on Benton Crossing Rd. 100 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, stream water. Open May thru mid-Nov. No fee.

6 **Big Meadow** (D-4), el 8600. 4½ mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 11 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $4.

7 **Big Springs** (A-3), el 7300. 10 mi N of Mammoth Lakes, 2 mi E of US 395 on Owens River. 24 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. No fee.

8 **Big Trees** (G-4), el 7500. 12½ mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 9 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

9 **Bishop Park** (G-3), el 7500. 14½ mi SW of Bishop on SR 168. 20 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

10 **Bishop Park Group Camp** (H-3), el 7500. 14½ mi SW of Bishop on SR 168. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Oct. $25.

11 **Camp High Sierra** (B-2), el 8400. 2 mi SW of Mammoth Lakes. 40 tent or RV spaces (24-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Sep. $5.

12 **Coldwater** (B-2), el 8910. 4½ mi SW of Mammoth Lakes, adjacent to Lake Mary. 79 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open late Jun thru Sep. $4.

13 **Convict Lake** (C-3), el 7580. 10½ mi SE of Mammoth Lakes off US 395. 96 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, disposal station. Open May thru Nov. $5.

14 **Crowley Lake** (D-4), el 6800. 6 mi N of Toms Place off US 395. 30 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, disposal station. Open May thru Oct. $2.

15 **Devils Postpile National Monument** (B-1), el 7560. 13½ mi W of Mammoth Lakes via SR 203. 24 tent spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jul thru Sep. $3.

16 **East Fork** (E-4), el 9000. 5 mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 133 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $5.

17 **Forks** (G-3), el 7800. 13 mi SW of Bishop on SR 168. 9 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables. Open May thru Oct. $4.

18 **Four Jeffrey** (G-4), el 8100. 13½ mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 106 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, disposal station. Open Apr thru Nov. $5.

19 **Glass Creek** (A-3), el 7600. ¼ mi W of Crestview off US 395. 30 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. No fee.

20 **Hartley Springs** (A-3), el 8400. 5½ mi SE of June Lake off US 395. 21 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, tables, stoves, no water. Open Jun thru Oct. No fee.

21 **Holiday** (D-4), el 7500. ½ mi SE of Toms Place off US 395. 33 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, piped water. Open Apr thru Nov. $3.

22 **Horseshoe Lake Group Camp** (B-2), el 8950. 7 mi SW of Mammoth Lakes off Lake Mary Rd. 6 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open late Jun thru Sep. $10-$30.

23 **Horton Creek** (F-4), el 5000. 9 mi NW of Bishop, off US 395 on Round Valley Rd. 53 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

24 **Intake** (H-3), el 7500. 14 mi SW of Bishop on SR 168. 8 walk-in tent and 12 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Nov. $4.

25 **Iris Meadows** (D-4), el 8600. 3 mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 14 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $4.

26 **Lake George** (B-2), el 9000. 5 mi SW of Mammoth Lakes off Lake Mary Rd. 10 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Sep. $4.

27 **Lake Mary** (B-2), el 8910. 4 mi SW of Mammoth Lakes off Lake Mary Rd. 50 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open late Jun thru Oct. $5.

28 **Lower Deadman** (A-3), el 7800. 4 mi SW of Crestview off US 395. 30 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. No fee.

29 **Lower Deadman Group Camp** (A-3), el 7600. 3 mi W of Crestview off US 395. 4 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Pit toilets, stream water. Open Jun thru Sep. $10.

30 **Lower Rock Creek** (D-4), el 6500. 1 mi SE of Toms Place off US 395. 5 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Nov. No fee.

31 **Millpond** (G-5), el 4200. 6 mi N of Bishop off US 395. 80 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $4.

32 **Minaret Falls** (B-2), el 7650. 12½ mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 27 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open late Jun thru Oct. $4.

33 **Mono Creek** (E-1), el 7400. 4 mi SW of Lake Thomas A. Edison. 16 tent spaces. Pit toilets, stream water. Open Jun thru Sep. No fee.

34 **Mosquito Flat** (E-3), el 10,000. 9 mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 19 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. $3.

35 **Mountain Glen Walk-In Camp** (H-3), el 8400. 16½ mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 5 tent spaces. Vault toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Sep. No fee.

36 **New Shady Rest** (B-3), el 7760. At E edge of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 96 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, disposal station. Open May thru Oct. $5.

37 **North Lake** (G-3), el 9500. 19 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 11 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. $4.

38 **Old Shady Rest** (B-3), el 7760. At E edge of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 68 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, disposal station. Open Jun thru Sep. $5.

39 **Palisade** (E-4), el 8600. 5 mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 2 tent and 3 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Sep. $4.

40 **Pine City** (B-2), el 8900. 4 mi SW of Mammoth Lakes adjacent to Lake Mary. 12 tent spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open late Jun thru Oct. $4.

41 **Pine Glen** (B-3), el 7760. At E edge of Mammoth Lakes, 3 mi W of US 395. 21 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves, facilities for the handicapped. Open Jun thru Sep. $5.

42 **Pine Grove** (E-4), el 9300. 6½ mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 11 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

43 **Pleasant Valley** (F-5), el 4200. 7½ mi NW of Bishop off US 395. 200 tent or RV spaces. Pit toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open all year. $4.

44 **Pumice Flat** (B-2), el 7700. 12 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 17 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open late Jun thru Oct. $4.

Campgrounds (Continued)

45 **Pumice Flat Group Camp** (B-2), el 7700. 12 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 4 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jul thru Sep. $10-$20.

46 **Red's Meadow** (B-2), el 7600. 15 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 54 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jul thru Oct. $4.

47 **Rock Creek** (D-4), el 7500. ¼ mi S of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 6 tent and 80 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Nov. $5.

48 **Rock Creek Lake** (E-3), el 9600. 8 mi S of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. 28 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

49 **Rock Creek Lake Group Camp** (E-3), el 9700. 8 mi S of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Sep. $25.

50 **Sabrina** (H-3), el 9000. 16½ mi SW of Bishop on SR 168. 34 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. No fee.

51 **Schober Lane** (G-6), el 4100. 1 mi S of Bishop off US 395. 100 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Nov. $4.

52 **Sherwin Creek** (B-3), el 7600. 3 mi SE of Mammoth Lakes on Sherwin Creek Rd. 27 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

53 **Soda Springs** (A-2), el 7650. 11 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203. 28 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jul thru Oct. $4.

54 **Table Mountain Walk-In Camp** (H-3), el 8600. 17 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 5 tent spaces. Vault toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Apr thru Sep. No fee.

55 **Tuff** (D-5), el 7000. ½ mi NE of Toms Place on US 395. 15 tent and 19 RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. $4.

56 **Twin Lakes** (B-2), el 8800. 3 mi SW of Mammoth Lakes. 97 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. $5.

57 **Upper McGee Creek** (D-3), el 7600. 5 mi W of Crowley Lake on McGee Creek Rd. 8 tent or RV spaces. Vault toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Oct. No fee.

58 **Vermillion** (E-1), el 7700. At Lake Thomas A. Edison. 30 tent spaces. Pit toilets, piped water, tables, stoves. Open Jun thru Sep. $3.

59 **Willow** (H-3), el 9000. 18 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168. 7 tent or RV spaces (22-ft RV limit). Flush toilets, stream water, tables, stoves. Open May thru Oct. No fee.

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60 **Habegger's Resort and Trailer Park** (H-4), el 8374. 15 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168 on South Lake Rd. 44 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, tables, showers, laundry. Open May thru mid-Oct. $10. Mailing address: Rt 1, Mt View Estates, Bishop 93514. (619) 873-4483.

61 **Highlands RV Park** (G-5), el 4200. 2 mi N of Bishop on US 395. 103 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry, disposal station. Open all year. $10. Mailing address: 2275 N Sierra Hwy, Bishop 93514. (619) 873-7616.

62 **Shady Rest Trailer Park** (G-6), el 4140. In Bishop off US 395. 25 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open all year. $9. Mailing address: 399 E Yaney St, Bishop 93514. (619) 873-3430.

Other

63 **Crowley Lake Campland** (D-4), el 6800. 4 mi NW of Toms Place on Crowley Lake Dr. 55 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open all year. $8-$12. Mailing address: Rt 1, Box 87, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 935-4260.

64 **Crowley Lake Trailer Park** (D-4), el 6800. 4½ mi NW of Toms Place on Hilton Creek Rd. 50 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open all year. $10. Mailing address: Rt 1, Box 1041, Crowley Lake 93546. (619) 935-4221.

65 **J-Diamond Mobile Home Park** (G-6), el 4140. In Bishop on US 395. 10 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open all year. $9. Mailing address: 771 N Main St, Bishop 93514. (619) 872-7341.

66 **Mammoth Mountain RV Park** (B-3), el 7860. At Mammoth Lakes on SR 203. 25 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers, laundry. Open all year. $12-$16. Mailing address: PO Box 288, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-3822.

67 **McGee Creek RV Park** (C-4), el 7000. 5 mi NW of Toms Place on US 395. 30 tent or RV spaces. Flush toilets, well water, tables, showers. Open mid-Apr thru mid-Oct. $7. Mailing address: Rt 1, Box 160, Crowley Lake 93546. (619) 935-4233.

68 **Paradise Lodge Trailer Park** (E-5), el 5000. 15 mi N of Bishop on Old US 395 at Lower Rock Creek. 20 RV spaces. Flush toilets, piped water, full hookups, showers. Open all year. $10. Mailing address: Rt 2, Bishop 93514. (619) 387-2370.

Fishing

① * **Barney Lake** (C-2), el 10,000. 9 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 2½ mi.

② * **Big McGee Lake** (D-3), el 10,557. 40 acres. Brooks, goldens, rainbows. 6½ mi.

③ * **Blue Lake** (H-3), el 10,200. 30 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 1½ mi.

④ **Convict Lake** (C-3), el 7580. 168 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 13 mi NW of Toms Place off US 395 on Convict Lake Rd.

⑤ **Crowley Lake** (C-4), el 6781. 5183 acres. Browns, cutthroats, rainbows, Sacramento perch. By car, 4 mi N of Toms Place off US 395.

⑥ * **Davis Lake** (D-3), el 9800. 70 acres. Browns, rainbows. 5 mi.

⑦ * **Dingleberry Lake** (H-3), el 10,560. 4½ acres. Brooks. 3½ mi.

⑧ * **Duck Lake** (C-2), el 10,427. 258 acres. Brooks, kamloops, rainbows. 5 mi.

⑨ **Fish Slough Pond** (F-6), el 4300. Bass, catfish; check locally for seasons. By car, 6 mi N of Bishop.

⑩ * **Fourth Recess Lake** (E-3), el 10,125. 51 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 6 mi.

⑪ * **French Canyon Area** (F-2), el 11,000. 20 lakes; 2 to 6 acres. Goldens. 11 mi.

⑫ * **Garnet Lake** (A-1), el 9704. 212 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 4½ mi.

⑬ * **George Lake** (H-3), el 10,700. 12 acres. Brooks. 4 mi.

⑭ * **Green Lake** (H-3), el 11,050. 17 acres. Rainbows. 2½ mi.

⑮ * **Hilton Creek Lakes** (E-3), el 9800 to 11,360. 10 lakes; 3 to 70 acres. Brooks, browns, goldens, rainbows. 3½ mi.

⑯ **Horseshoe Lake** (B-2), el 8880. 53 acres. Brooks, rainbows. Swimming. By car, 6 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203.

⑰ * **Humphreys Basin Area** (G-2), el 11,000. 20 lakes. Brooks, goldens. 8 mi.

⑱ * **Lake Dorothy** (C-3), el 10,340. 150 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 6 mi.

⑲ * **Lake Genevieve** (C-3), el 9910. 42 acres. Brooks. 3 mi.

⑳ **Lake George** (B-2), el 9060. 38 acres. Brooks, rainbows. By car, 6 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203.

㉑ **Lake Mamie** (B-2), el 8800. 19 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 5½ mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR-203.

㉒ **Lake Mary** (B-2), el 8931. 140 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 5 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203.

㉓ **Lake Sabrina** (H-3), el 9132. 194 acres. Brooks, rainbows. By car or shuttle bus, 17 mi SW of Bishop on SR 168.

㉔ **Lake Thomas A. Edison** (E-1), el 7000. 2850 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car from the west, 5 mi NE of Mono Hot Springs off SR 168.

㉕ * **Lake Valentine** (C-2), el 9900. 19 acres. Brooks. 5 mi.

㉖ * **Lake Virginia** (C-2), el 10,319. 98 acres. Goldens, rainbows. 10½ mi.

㉗ * **Lamarck Lakes** (G-3), el 10,200 to 11,000. 2 lakes; 15 and 38 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 1 mi.

㉘ * **Little Lakes Valley** (E-3), el 9700. 29 lakes; 3 to 15 acres. Brooks, browns, goldens, rainbows. 2-4 mi.

㉙ * **Marie Louise Lakes** (H-3), el 10,550. 2 lakes; 2 acres. Brooks. 2 mi.

㉚ **North Lake** (G-3), el 9255. 13 acres. Brooks, rainbows. By car, 20 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168.

㉛ * **Pine Lake** (F-3), el 9700. 16 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 4 mi.

㉜ **Pleasant Valley Reservoir** (F-5), el 4200. 115 acres. Browns, rainbows. ¼ mi.

㉝ * **Purple Lake** (C-2), el 9862. 50 acres. Brooks, rainbows. 8 mi.

㉞ **Rock Creek Lake** (E-3), el 9682. 55 acres. Brooks, browns, cutthroats, rainbows. By car, 8 mi SW of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd.

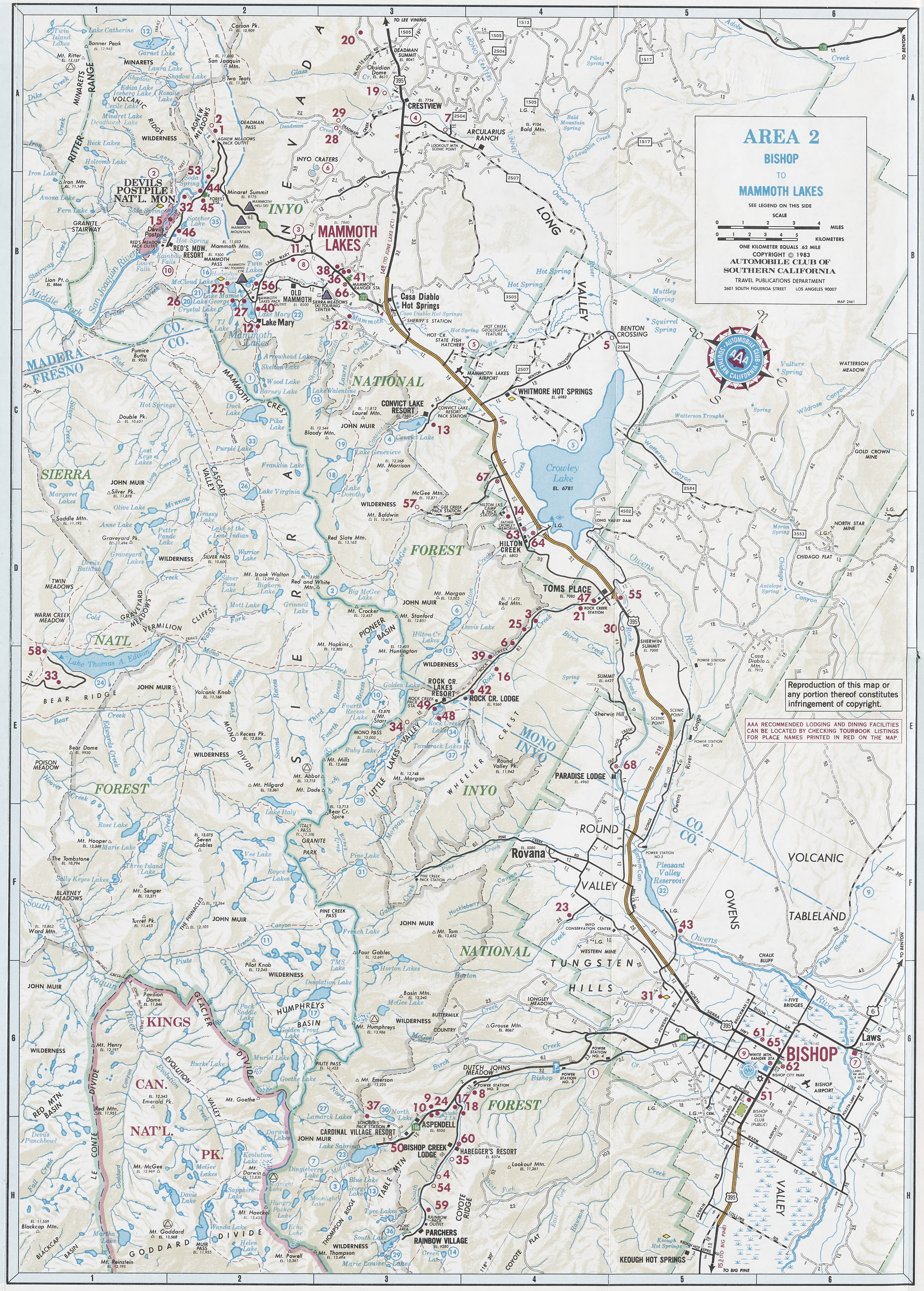
㉟ **Sotcher Lake** (B-2), el 7650. 22 acres. Browns, rainbows. By car or shuttle bus, 11 mi W of Mammoth Lakes on SR 203.

(36) **South Lake** (H-3), el 9750. 166 acres. Brooks, rainbows. By car, 22 mi SW of Bishop off SR 168.

(37) * **Tamarack Lakes** (E-3), el 11,660. 11 acres. Goldens. 6 mi.

(38) **Twin Lakes** (B-2), el 8480. 30 acres. Brooks, browns, rainbows. By car, 4 mi W of Mammoth Lakes off SR 203.

*** Wilderness permits required.**



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Points of Interest

① **Bishop Creek Canyon** (G-4), lined by 1000-foot granite cliffs, is a striking example of Sierra scenery. Lively Bishop Creek tumbles through the center of the canyon, dropping 400 feet per mile for 14 miles. A series of dams harnesses the creek's energy for the production of electricity. Aspen groves add spectacular color to the canyon in fall. From mid-June through Labor Day, a shuttle bus runs 3 times daily between Bishop and the two Bishop Creek trailheads. For further information contact the Bishop Chamber of Commerce at (619) 873-8405 or The Outdoorsman at (619) 873-3015.

② **Devils Postpile National Monument** (B-1) is best known for its blue-gray basaltic columns rising 60 feet from the canyon floor, remnants of a lava flow through Mammoth Pass. As the lava cooled, the mass fractured vertically, forming thousands of three- to seven-sided columns. A glacier later scoured the formation and left a polished surface resembling a mosaic inlay. From 8 to 5 daily, July thru Labor Day, shuttle buses operate from the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area parking lot to the Red's Meadow-Devils Postpile area. The charge is $3.50 per person round trip (unlimited valley use), $2.50 one way; special family rates. The only private vehicles allowed west of Minaret Summit between 8 and 5 in summer are those with campground permits, nonambulatory persons, 11 or more passengers or overnight resort guests.

③ **Earthquake Fault** (B-2), a 50-foot-deep split in hardened lava whose origin is unknown, can be explored on a self-guided walking tour.

④ **Headwaters of the Owens River** (A-3) are the beginnings of Owens Valley's largest river. The City of Los Angeles has tapped the river, transporting its water south by means of a 200-mile-long aqueduct.

⑤ **Hot Creek State Fish Hatchery** (C-4) produces 20 million trout eggs per year, annually planting 4 million fingerlings and 600,000 catchable-size trout. The operations are open to the public from 8 to 5 daily.

⑥ **Inyo Craters** (A-3) are evidence of volcanic activity about 600 years ago. Small lakes rest about 100 feet below the edges of both craters.

⑦ **Laws Railroad Museum and Historical Site** (G-6) is an 11-acre restoration of the once-active railroad community of Laws. A depot, a 10-wheel Baldwin engine, several railroad cars and restored buildings are on view 10 to 4 daily.

⑧ **Mammoth Lakes Area** (B-2 to B-3) offers year-round outdoor activities for skiers, hikers and fishermen. Thirteen small lakes cluster south of Mammoth Mountain, one of the West's most popular ski resorts. At the Mammoth Visitor Center—Ranger Station, rangers and naturalists conduct guided walks, ski tours, and interpretive programs on the history, natural resources, geology and Indian lore of the area. The center is open 8 to 5 daily from May through September and 8 to 4:30 Monday through Saturday the rest of the year.

⑨ **Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Indian Culture Center** (G-5) features museum exhibits and a gift shop offering local Indian crafts. The center is open 8 to 5 Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 Sunday from April through mid-October. Admission is free though donations are welcome.

⑩ **Rainbow Falls** (B-1), on the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River, plunges 140 feet into a deep pool. Mist from the falls becomes a spectrum of color when struck by sunlight. A two-mile hiking trail follows the river to the falls.

Packers

Agnew Meadows Pack Outfit (A-2), 7½ mi NW of Mammoth Lakes on SR 203; PO Box 395, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-2345 (summer); (619) 873-3928 (off-season). Destinations: Minarets Wilderness, Pacific Crest Trail, and Shadow and Thousand Island Lakes.

Convict Lake Resort and Pack Station (C-3), 15 mi N of Toms Place at Convict Lake; PO Box 61, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-2434, 934-6161. Destinations: Convict Lake Basin and the John Muir Wilderness.

Hilton Lakes Camp and Pack Station (D-4), 4 mi NW of Toms Place on Crowley Lake Dr; Star Rt 1, Box 156, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 935-4310. Destinations: Hilton Lakes, Little Lakes Valley and Pioneer Basin.

Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit (B-2), on Lake Mary Rd between Twin Lakes and Lake Mary; PO Box 61, Mammoth Lakes 93546; (619) 934-2434, 934-6161. Destination: John Muir Wilderness.

McGee Creek Pack Station (D-3), 6 mi N of Toms Place on McGee Creek Canyon Rd; Rt 1, Box 162, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 935-4324 (summer); Star Rt 1, Box 100-A Independence 93526. (619) 872-6071, Unit 234 (off-season). Destinations: McGee Canyon, Baldwyn Canyon and Upper Fish Creek.

Pine Creek Pack Station (F-4), 20 mi NW of Bishop on Pine Creek Rd; PO Box 968, Bishop 93514. (619) 387-2797 (summer); (619) 873-3620 (off-season). Destinations: French Canyon and Pine, Gable, Morgan and Royce Lakes.

Rainbow Pack Outfit (H-3), 20 mi SW of Bishop on SR 168; PO Box 1791, Bishop 93514. (619) 873-8877. Destinations: South Lake Basin, Bishop Pass and Kings Canyon National Park.

Red's Meadow Pack Outfit (B-1), at end of SR 203 near Devils Postpile National Monument; PO Box 395, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-2345 (summer); (619) 873-3928 (off-season). Destinations: Yosemite National Park and John Muir and Minarets Wildernesses.

Rock Creek Pack Station (E-3), 8 mi SW of Toms Place at end of Rock Creek Rd; PO Box 248, Bishop 93514. (619) 935-4493 (summer); (619) 872-8331 (off-season). Destinations: John Muir Wilderness, Pacific Crest Trail, and Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks.

Schober Pack Station (H-3), 18 mi SW of Bishop at North Lake; Rt 1, Box A-4, Bishop 93514; (619) 873-4785 (summer); Rt 2 Box 179, Bishop 93514; (619) 387-2343 (off-season). Destinations: Lamarck Lakes, Hutchinson Meadow, French Canyon, John Muir Trail, and Humphreys and Sabrina Basins.

Winter Sports

Mammoth Heli-Ski (B-2), 4 mi W of Mammoth Lakes on SR 203; PO Box 600, Mammoth Lakes 93547. (619) 934-4494. Facilities: None. Open daily mid-Nov to mid-Apr. One-day package includes 12,000 vertical feet of skiing, $200.

Mammoth Mountain (B-2), 4 mi W of Mammoth Lakes on SR 203; PO Box 24, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-2571. Facilities: Rentals (alpine skis, boots, poles); ATM ski school; daily races; restaurant; cafeterias; snack bars; day lodges; warming hut; babysitting. Open daily Nov to Jun. Lifts: 2 gondolas, 6 triple chairs, 17 double chairs, 1 poma, 2 T-bars, 2 mitey-mites. Runs: 30% novice, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced. Longest run 2½ miles; vertical drop 3100 feet. Daily ticket $20 for all lifts; season pass $600.

Mammoth Ski Touring Center (B-2), 3½ mi SW of Mammoth Lakes off Lake Mary Rd; PO Box 69, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-2442. Facilities: Rentals (cross-country skis, boots, poles, saucers); ski school; 27 mi of marked, groomed trails; guided tours; snow camping; overnight tours; overnight hut; restaurant; snack bar; day lodge; warming hut. Open daily Oct thru Apr.

Rock Creek Winter Lodge (E-3), 8 mi S of Toms Place on Rock Creek Rd; Rt 1, Box 5, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 935-4464. Facilities: Rentals (cross-country skis, boots, poles; snow shoes); ski school; 28½ mi of trails; guided tours; snow camping; overnight tours; overnight hut; restaurant; snack bar; day lodge; warming hut. Open daily mid-Nov thru Apr.

Sierra Meadows Ski Touring Center (B-3), 1 mi S of Mammoth Lakes on Sherwin Creek Rd; PO Box D-4, Mammoth Lakes 93546. (619) 934-6161. Facilities: Rentals (cross-country skis, boots, poles, snowshoes); ski school; guided tours. Open daily Nov thru Apr.

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Spring meadows caught between granite walls and barren escarpments . . . hundreds of lakes glittering in the sun of a wind-chilled afternoon . . . craggy cliffs rising above alpine forests whitened by winter snows . . . mountain retreats attracting thousands of fishermen, climbers, skiers and campers—all have made the Eastern Sierra a four-season retreat with a wealth of beauty.

The area's loveliness is equaled by its rich heritage. From the time of the Paiute Indians through the Gold Rush and up to the present-day struggle for water rights, the Eastern Sierra has had a diverse history. Countless signs of the past still survive. Museums house collections of Indian handiwork, pioneer artifacts and old photographs. A few traces of gold mining settlements still remain, most notably in Bodie. Much effort has been spent to preserve these pieces of history, insuring that an important part of the Eastern Sierra's culture lives on.

The area covered by this guide—extending from Lone Pine to Bridgeport—is divided into four geographical sections. Each section is accompanied by a detailed map, as well as corresponding information on camping, fishing and points of interest. Items described in the text are keyed to the map with coordinates and colored numbers.

Although information presented in this guide has been carefully researched and was as accurate as possible at press time, the Automobile Club of Southern California is not responsible for any changes which may occur. When practical, it is wise to verify information immediately prior to your visit.

Campgrounds operated by public and private concerns are listed in the text, along with information about their locations, facilities, approximate seasons and fees. Privately operated campgrounds which are designated "AAA Approved" have been inspected by an AAA representative and meet minimum requirements for recommendation. Those preceded by the AAA symbol are Official Appointments and are authorized to display the AAA sign. Each campground is keyed to its map location by coordinates and a red number (e.g., **14**).

Fishing information was provided by the California Department of Fish and Game and includes listings of some of the largest lakes. The text includes the types of fish likely to be caught and mileages from the nearest trailheads or towns to the lakes. Each fishing spot is keyed to its map location with coordinates and a circled blue number (e.g., ③).

Points of Interest in this region include everything from ghost towns to geological features. Each item described in the text can be located on the map by using the accompanying coordinates and the circled red number (e.g., ⑫).

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